

Guinea, the higher mountains of the interior offer a field of brilliant promise, where, as in the case of this *Otidiphaps* and in other species of birds which will occur to the recollection of those who have studied Papuan ornithology, a whole series of forms differing from but allied to the wonderful species of the Arfak mountains may yet be discovered.

Mr. Goldie sends no notes on the habits of *Otidiphaps regalis*, which is to be regretted; he merely states that he obtained it in 1879 in the Owen Stanley range, thirty miles inland from Port Moresby.

XXXVII.—Notices of recent Ornithological Publications.

[Continued from p. 245.]

47. Barboza du Bocage on the Fauna of West Africa.

[Subsidios para a Fauna das possessões portuguezas d'Africa occidental. Por J. V. Barboza du Bocage. Jorn. Scien. Math. Phys. e Nat. Lisboa, no. xxvi. 1879.]

An account is here given of collections (1) from the Island of Thomé, made by Sr. Custodio de Borja, in which 8 species of birds are enumerated; (2) from Angola, between Bihé and Cassange, made by Srs. Capello and Ivens, which contained examples of 27 species. In the latter a new Bush-Shrike, *Fiscus capelli*, is described next to *F. collaris*.

48. Barboza du Bocage on Birds from West Africa.

[Aves das possessões portuguezas d'Africa occidental. Por J. V. Barboza du Bocage. (Decimottava Lista.) Jorn. Scien. Math. Phys. e Nat. Lisboa, no. xxvi. 1879.]

Prof. Barboza's eighteenth contribution to this subject enumerates 17 birds, of which examples have recently been transmitted by the indefatigable collector Anchieta from the vicinity of Novo Redondo. All are known species, except a *Drymæca*, which is not finally determined.

49. Brewer on the Birds of New England.

[Some Additional Notes upon Birds observed in New England, with the

Names of Five Species not included in his previous Lists of New-England Birds. By T. M. Brewer. Proc. Boston Soc. N. H. xx. p. 263.]

In this paper Dr. Brewer, whose untimely death we have recently chronicled, gives supplementary notes to his former paper on the birds of New England (Proc. Boston Soc. Nat. Hist. xix. p. 301, 1878), and records the occurrence of 5 species not included in the previous list. The most remarkable discovery noticed is that of the existence in Maine and Vermont of colonies of *Lanius ludovicianus*, hitherto regarded as an extreme southern species.

50. *Buller on Eudynamis taitensis.*

[Remarks on the Long-tailed Cuckoo (*Eudynamis taitensis*). By Walter L. Buller. Trans. N.-Zealand Inst. xi. p. 353.]

Dr. Buller remarks on the similarity of plumage between *Eudynamis taitensis* of New Zealand and *Accipiter cooperi* of North America.

51. *Buller on a Species of Lestris.*

[Remarks on a Species of *Lestris* inhabiting our Seas. By Walter L. Buller. Trans. N.-Zealand Inst. xi. p. 355.]

Dr. Buller discusses the question to what species the smaller Skua of New Zealand is to be referred. In his 'Birds of New Zealand' Dr. Buller called it *Stercorarius parasiticus*, *i. e.* Buffon's Skua, while Mr. Howard Saunders, in his well-known review of the group (P. Z. S. 1876), referred it to *S. crepidatus* (Richardson's Skua). Dr. Buller gives reasons why it cannot be either of these species. It is, however, apparently only a straggler in New Zealand, being only known to have occurred there four times.

52. *Buller on Larus bulleri.*

[Note on Mr. Howard Saunders's Review of the Larinæ, or Gulls. By Walter L. Buller. Trans. N.-Zealand Inst. xi. p. 359.]

Dr. Buller gives his reason for assenting to Mr. Howard Saunders's conclusion that the Black-billed Gull of New Zealand must stand as *Larus bulleri*.

53. *Buller on the Occurrence of Hirundo nigricans in New Zealand.*

[On a further Occurrence of the Australian Tree-Swallow (*Hylochelidon nigricans*) in New Zealand. By Walter L. Buller. Trans. N.-Zealand Inst. xi. p. 360.]

Dr. Buller records the occurrence of a "Martin" in New Zealand near Blenheim, as observed by Mr. J. R. W. Cook. This was probably *Hylochelidon nigricans* of Australia, which had already been twice obtained in New Zealand.

54. *Buller on Additions to the Birds of New Zealand.*

[Additions to List of Species, and Notices of rare Occurrences, since the publication of 'The Birds of New Zealand.' By Walter L. Buller. Trans. N.-Zealand Inst. xi. p. 361.]

A useful paper, in which notes are given of additional occurrences of rare species in New Zealand, and of new species, some of which are more or less doubtful. Thirty species are altogether mentioned.

55. *Buller's Contributions to the Ornithology of New Zealand.*

[Further Contributions to the Ornithology of New Zealand. By Walter L. Buller. Trans. N.-Zealand Inst. xi. p. 366.]

This paper, read a month later, is of a similar character to the last, and contains notes on 17 rare or little-known species.

56. '*Bulletin*' of the Nuttall Ornithological Club.

[Vol. iv. no. 4, October 1879; vol. v. no. 1, January 1880.]

These numbers of the 'Bulletin' contain many papers and notes of interest to American ornithologists. Mr. Ridgway (1879, p. 218) describes a new American *Peucea* (*P. illinoisensis*) from "the semi-prairie districts, extending from Southern Illinois to Central Texas," formerly referred to *P. æstivalis*. Mr. Ridgway, however, subsequently (1880, p. 52) degraded the form into a subspecies, as "*P. æstivalis illinoisensis*." It appears, from the same gentleman's examination, that "*Helminthophaga gunnii*, Gibbs," a supposed new species,

described in the 'Daily Democrat' of Grand Rapids for June 1, 1879, is not different from *H. leucobronchialis*, of which rare species, however, every additional example is of the greatest interest.

57. Bureau on the Moulting of the Beak in Birds.

[Recherches sur la Mue du Bec des Oiseaux de la famille des Mormonidés. Par le Docteur Louis Bureau. Bull. Soc. Zool. France, 1879.]

A full account of this notable discovery, which should be read by all ornithologists. The phenomenon, first observed in *Fratercula*, is now shown to prevail through the allied genera *Lunda*, *Chimerina*, *Ombria*, and *Simorhynchus*, and enables us to discard several nominal species as being only seasonal forms. *Sagmatorhina lathamii*=*Lunda cirrhata*; *Sagmatorhina suckleyi* and *Ceratorhyncha monocerata*=*Chimerina cornuta*; *Simorhynchus dubius* and *S. tetraculus*=*S. cristatellus*; and *S. cassini*=*S. kamtschaticus*. Six excellent plates are given to illustrate this important memoir.

58. Frenzel on Parrots of the Genus *Coryllis*.

[Ueber Fledermauspapageien (Gattung *Coryllis*) von A. Frenzel. Monatsb. d. deutsch. Vereins f. d. Schütze d. Vögelwelt, 1880, no. 1.]

Hr. Frenzel writes an enthusiastic chapter on the little Hanging Parrakeets of the genus *Loriculus* (sive *Coryllis*), of which some twenty species are now known, and on their habits in captivity. A good coloured lithograph is given of *C. galgulus*.

59. Giglioli and Manzella's Figures of Italian Birds.

[Iconografia dell' Avifauna Italiana, ovvero tavole illustranti le specie di Uccelli che trovansi in Italia, con brevi descrizioni e note. Testo del Dott. Enrico Hillyer Giglioli. Tavole di Alberto Manzella. Fasc. i.-iv. Folio. Prato, 1879-80.]

The four livraisons which we have seen of this work contain each five coloured lithographic plates of Italian birds, with accompanying letterpress. A list given in the first part shows that the authors include 418 species in the Italian

avifauna. One of the species, figured in part 2, is *Hydrornia* (i. e. *Porphyrio*) *alleni*, of which it is stated that two examples have indubitably occurred near Lucca.

60. *Godman and Salvin's 'Biologia Centrali-Americana.'*

[*Biologia Centrali-Americana*; or, Contributions to the Knowledge of the Fauna and Flora of Mexico and Central America. Edited by F. DuCane Godman and Osbert Salvin. (Zoology.) Parts iii. & iv. 4to. London, 1880. Published for the Editors by R. H. Porter, 10 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.]

The Central-American Wrens are mostly treated of in the ornithological portion of these two parts. *Thryothorus hyperythrus* (for a northern form of *T. rutilus*), *T. hypospodius* (for the Columbian form), and *T. bairdi* (for a southern race of *T. bewicki*) are names now used for the first time; and the following species are figured:—

<i>Poliophtila albiloris.</i>	<i>Thryothorus atrigularis.</i>
<i>Microcerculus philomela.</i>	—— <i>felix.</i>
—— <i>luscini.</i>	—— <i>albinucha.</i>
<i>Thryophilus thoracicus.</i>	<i>Cistothorus elegans.</i>
—— <i>semibadius.</i>	

61. *Hutton on Phalacrocorax carunculatus.*

[On *Phalacrocorax carunculatus*, Gmelin. By Prof. F. W. Hutton. Trans. N.-Z. Inst. xi. p. 332.]

After a review of the literature, Prof. Hutton points out the differences between the New-Zealand and Antarctic-American Cormorants, hitherto usually united under this name. To the latter he proposes to restrict the term *carunculatus*, and to call the former *cirrhatius* (Gm.). Under *Ph. carunculatus* he places the bird of Kerguelen Island, which, however, is quite distinct, being *Ph. verrucosus*, Cab. Journ. f. Orn. 1875, p. 450. Cf. also upon this question Sci. et Salv. P. Z. S. 1878, p. 652.

62. *Jouan on the Birds of Oceania.*

[Notes sur la Distribution Géographique des Oiseaux dans quelques archipels de l'Océanie. Par M. Henri Jouan. Mém. Soc. Sci. Nat. Cherbourg, tome xxi. p. 293.]

After some general remarks on the avifauna of the island-groups of the Pacific, the author gives lists of the birds of the Sandwich Islands, Marquesas, Fiji, &c. All these are incomplete, and not taken from the most recent authorities, of some of which (*e.g.* Finsch and Hartlaub's 'Ornithologie Central-Polynesiens') M. Jouan appears to be wholly ignorant.

63. *Pelzeln on Birds from Ecuador.*

[Ueber eine fünfte Sendung von Vögeln aus Ecuador. Von August von Pelzeln. Verh. d. k.k. zool.-botan. Gesell. Wien, 1879, p. 525.]

This is a list of a fifth collection sent from Ecuador by Father L. Sodiro. The 88 skins are referred to 41 species; nearly all are well known. Unfortunately no exact localities are given.

64. *Pelzeln on Birds from Borneo.*

[Ueber eine von Herrn Dr. Breitenstein gemachte Sammlung von Säugethieren und Vögeln aus Borneo. Von August von Pelzeln. Verh. d. k.k. zool.-botan. Gesell. Wien, 1879, p. 527.]

This is an account of a collection of mammals and birds made by Dr. Breitenstein in Southern Borneo near Banjer-massing. The *Platysmurus aterrimus* of Sumatra is separated from *P. aterrimus* of Borneo as *P. schlegeli*, sp. nov. The lately described *Polyplectron schleiermacheri* is represented in the collection by a male example in full plumage. Hr. v. Pelzeln gives some remarks on the *Euplocami* of the group of *E. ignitus*, in reference to the recently described *E. sumatranus*, Dubois, of which the Imperial Museum possesses examples, originally received from Leyden. Hr. v. Pelzeln adopts the view that *E. nobilis*, ScL., of Borneo is the true *E. ignitus*, and calls the others *E. sumatranus* (ex Sumatra) and *E. vieillotii* (ex peninsulâ Malayanâ). But it seems now impossible to fix the specific term *ignitus*, which has been applied to all three species, to any one of them, and the name should be rejected altogether.

65. *Ramsay on Birds from New Guinea.*

[Contributions to the Zoology of New Guinea. Parts IV. & V. Remarks on recent Collections made by Mr. Andrew Goldie in the South-east portion of New Guinea and the Louisiades. By E. P. Ramsay, F.L.S. &c. Proc. Linn. Soc. N. S. W. vol. iv. p. 85.]

In this paper Mr. Ramsay gives an account of Mr. Goldie's third collection from Port Moresby and its vicinity. Of birds 24 species are mentioned, 15 of which did not occur in the former collections. None of these are described as new. A list is added of all the species contained in Mr. Goldie's three collections, and a table showing their distribution in the Duke-of-York group, Solomon Islands, and Australia.

66. *Reichenow on Foreign Cage-Birds.*

[Vogelbilder aus fernen Zonen. Atlas der bei uns eingeführten ausländischen Vögel, mit erläuterndem Text. Allen Naturfreunden, insbesondere den Liebhabern ausländischer Stubenvögel und Besuchern zoologischer Gärten, gewidmet von Dr. Ant. Reichenow. Lief. 3-4. Folio. Cassel, 1878-80.]

The third and fourth parts of Dr. Reichenow's work are devoted to the Psittacidae, of which we have groups of African, Asiatic, American, and Australian species on different plates, very nicely drawn by G. Mützel, and well coloured, but reduced in size.

67. *Sclater's 'Jacamars and Puff-birds.'*

[A Monograph of the Jacamars and Puff-birds, or Families *Galbulidae* and *Bucconidae*. By P. L. Sclater, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S., &c. Parts ii. & iii. 4to. London, 1880. Published for the author by R. H. Porter, 6 Tenterden Street, W.]

The two parts issued since our last notice of this work contain figures of the following species:—

PART II. (January 1880).

Galbula leucogastra.

— *chalcothorax.*

Brachygalba lugubris.

— *goeringi.*

— *salmoni.*

Brachygalba albigularis.

— *melanosterna.*

Jacamaralcyon tridactyla.

Galbalcyrrhynchus leucotis.

Jacamerops grandis.

PART III. (May 1880).

Bucco collaris.	Bucco pectoralis.
—— macrorhynchus.	—— ordi.
—— dysoni.	—— tectus.
—— hyperrhynchus.	—— subtectus.
—— swainsoni.	

68. *Taczanowski on the Birds of Askold Island.*

[Liste des Oiseaux recueillis par M. Jankowski dans l'île Askold (Mantchourie). Par M. Taczanowski. Bull. Soc. Zool. d. France, 1878, p. 133.]

Askold Island lies on the Manchurian coast, in 42° 30' N. lat., not far from Wladiwostok. M. Jankowski obtained there representatives of 49 species, mostly summer migrants, amongst which were *Eurystomus orientalis*, *Uragus sanguinolentus*, and *Iungipicus scintiliceps*, Swinhoe. The last-named species is a permanent resident.

69. *Wolf's Visit to the Galapagos.*

[Ein Besuch der Galápagos-Inseln. Von Dr. Theodor Wolf. Sammlung von Vorträgen für das deutsche Volk. Bd. i. Heidelberg, 1879.]

Dr. Wolf's sketch of his visit to the Galapagos in August 1875 contains many interesting details. Of the birds, however, little is said, and Salvin's memoir on the avifauna of the group (Trans. Zool. Soc. ix. p. 447) is evidently unknown to him. At Post-office Bay, in Charles Island, Dr. Wolf met with the Penguin of the Galapagos (*Spheniscus mendiculus*, Sund.), which he considers an unknown species, and gives a description of as new.

XXXVIII.—*Letters, Extracts, Announcements, &c.*

We have received the following letters addressed to the Editors of 'The Ibis':—

Royal Zoological Museum, Dresden.
April 16, 1880.

SIRS,—My letter on *Streptocitta (antèa)*, p. 249) contains a misprint or a *lapsus calami* on my part, which I wish to